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### **Proposed Project**

Application form and related forms for the operation of the National Death Index (NDI), (OMB No. 0920-0215, Expiration 11/30/13) - Extension - National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## Background and Brief Description

The purpose of this request is to obtain OMB approval to extend the data collection for Application form and related forms for the operation of the National Death Index (NDI), OMB No. 0920-0215, expires 11/30/2013. Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States.

The NDI is a national data base containing identifying death record information submitted annually to NCHS by all the state vital statistics offices, beginning with deaths in 1979. This request is for approval of forms used to request searches against the NDI file to obtain the states and dates of death and the death certificate numbers of deceased study subjects. The NDI Application Form is provided to all investigators who express an interest in the NDI. The Application Form is completed and submitted only by those investigators who actually decide to apply for use of the NDI services. The Request for a Repeat NDI File Search is used by those NDI users who already have an approved application on file. This form is used by

researchers when they have additional study subjects that need to be identified as deceased. The final form used is the User Data Transmittal Format. The researcher uses this form when transmitting their data file to the NDI staff.

Using the NDI Plus service, researchers have the option of also receiving cause of death information for deceased subjects, thus reducing the need to request copies of death certificates from the states. The NDI Plus option currently provides the International Classification of Disease (ICD) codes for the underlying and multiple causes of death for the years 1979-2010. Health researchers must complete administrative forms in order to apply for NDI services, and submit records of study subjects for computer matching against the NDI file. A three-year clearance is requested. There is no cost to respondents except for their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 182.

Table 1: Estimated Annualized Burden Table

Type of Respondent	Form Type	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses/ Respondent	Average Burden/ Response (in hours)
Health Researcher/ Investigator	Application Form	50	1	2.5
Health Researcher/ Investigator	Repeat Request Form	70	1	18/60
Health Researcher/ Investigator	Data Transmittal Form	120	1	18/60

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